CRISIS IS IMMINENT

Present Conditions in the East Cannot Continue Much Longer.

TURK MUST BE MADE TO COME TO TIME

Eultan's Actions in Recent Massacre Not Satisfactory to Powers.

AMBASSADORS CONFER OVER THE MATTER

Situation Cannot Improve Unless Further Outrages Are Prohibited.

PROBABLE CHANGE OF BASE IN EUROPE

Great Britain, France and Italy May Withdraw from Concert of Powers in Enforcing Blockade of Crete.

(Copyright, 1897, by the Associated Press.) CONSTANTINOPLE, March 24.—The steps taken by the sultan to punish the Turkish officials who are held responsible for the massacre of 100 Armenians at Tokat in the Sivas district of Asia Minor and the pillaging of the Armenian quarter of Tokat for eight hours, are not satisfactory to the ambassadors of the powers, and unless there is a change in the situation soon it is believed some of the powers will be compelled by public opinion to make a radical change of the policy toward Crete and Greece. The remonstrance of Sir Philip Currie, the British ambassador, was one of the strongest ever delivered by an ambassador concerning the massacres in Armenia, and was intended for a stern notification to the porte that further outbreaks in Armenia would not pass without vigorous action upon the part of the powers. The immediate result of the protest, the mere dismissal of the two Turkish officials, is not considered sufficient to demonstrate the displeasure of the sultan at the wanton killing of a hundred Armenians, and is further looked upon as being likely to encourage additional outbreaks of the same nature. Consequently Sir Phillip Currie has made fresh representations to the porte, setting forth that serious consequences will follow the fallure of the sultan to really punish those who are responsible for the

Tokat outrage. The ambassadors met at the residence of the British ambassador last evening and thoroughly discussed the matter, after which dispatches were sent by those present to the capitals of the powers they represent. Although the result of this meeting has not been allowed to become generally known in departmental circles here, the opinion prevalls that unless the ambarcadors put forth definite threats of coercion in the event of the failure of the sultan to adopt prompt and efficacions measures to prevent further massacres in Armenia, there is absolutely no hope of improving the situation, as it has een so frequently "intimated" to the sultan that he must reform, that he now pays lit-tle or no atlention to such communications.

CHANGE OF FRONT POSSIBLE. In well informed political circles it is generally believed that, if fresh outbreaks eur, public opinion in Great Britain, France and Italy, will compel the governments to question, not only towards Crete, but in re gard to Greece, which might mean the lift-ing of the blockade, so far as these powers are concerned and their positive refusal to take part in the proposed blockade of th principal ports and coasts of Greece, Indeed, it is directly intimated that this propo sition has already been practically aban doned by the three powers referred to, no only because such a step is likely to force Greece into open hostilities against Turkey because the sultan, with true eastern cunning, has taken advantage of the block the bombardments of the insurgents by for eign warships and the assistance given to the Turks by the foreign marines, to place efore the populace here and elsewhere it

the Ottoman empire.
An official communique was addresses by the Turkish government to the Turkish newspapers and provincial officials yesterday representing that the course a lopted by th powers in the Cretan affair was an example for the sultan in that direction, and incl mating that he still has the full support of the powers with their fleets and armies in the repressive measures which he may dominions. This amounts to informing th Mussulmans that they have nothing to fear from the powers if they massacr. Christians, as the Christian powers are supporting the cultan against his so-called "rebelilous subects." This has created a decidedly had mpression in diplomatic circles in Constantutople and gives additional explanation of bassador has undountally assumed, as well showing clearly how the sultan and bis advisors regard the so-called "concert" of the powers. They know it does not exist, except as a hackneyed term, and they feel can never exist so leng as the map of Europe is not radically changed,

TURKS PREPARE FOR WAR. In the meanwhile preparations for war on a large scale are being steadily pushed forward and the report of a possible agreement between Greece and Turkey on the basis of the appointment of Prince George of Greece as high commissioner of Crete, was followed by the lesuing this morning of an irade calling out for active service forty-four battalions of the reserves ing to the colors the whole contingent of

break out sooner or later, and they are not abusing themselves with the belief that if they follow out the recommendations of the powers friendly to Turkey, the armies of the sultan will be permitted to cross the Greek frontiers of Macedonia and Epirus when the right moment arrives and push on to Ath ens, thus wiping the poor little kingdom of Greece off the face of the globe.

This explains the restraints put upon the Turkish commanders on the Greek frontier. They have been instructed not to cross the Greek frontier at present under any circumstances, even if attacked. The whole blame for an outbreak of hostilities must be thrown upon Greece—that is their program—and then who can forbid the Turks from chastising

TANGIER, March 24 .- A body of insurger tribeamen in Sons, the southernmost province of Morocco, has fallen upon and cut to pieces the Sherefian punitive expedition recently rebellion. The sultan's troops were taken in ambush. A fresh force sent out has in turn defeated the rebels. Eighty heads have been sent to the sultan as a ghastly proof of the victory of his troops. There, with fortythree others, are now exposed at the gates three others. The forty-three are the heads The forty-three are the of a band of starving tribesmen who had at-tacked the sultan's forces while encamped

Sherman Thanks the Spaniards MADRID, March 24 - Secretary of State Sherman, it is semi-officially announced here, has thanked the Spanish minister at Washington, Senor Dopuy de Lome, for the conduct of Spain in releasing from imprison-ment the American citizens recently set at liberty in Cuba.

Thomas McCrae, and then shot herself. The Bull woman, thirty years ago, was a leader of society in Camden, Va. She was said to be collaterally related to Washington.

GENERAL LEE IS NOT WORRYING. NOT YET READY TO FIGHT Consul General at Havana is Taking

Things Ensy. World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-General Lee is not worrying over his future, but is quietly pushing for the release of one American after another, and one by one they are coming out of prison. The tone and manner of Spanish officials at the palace since the stand he took in the Ruiz case and since Mr. Sherman took office are very satisfactory to the general. It seems to be the belief in the United States that General Lee is making a further investigation of the Ruiz murder. This is a mistake. The Span-ish authorities may be doing so, but General Lee has investigated and has reported the facts and his conclusion that it was a plain

The reports that his successor is coming do not disturb General Lee. He has heard nothing from Washington on the subject and has not written on it. He is ready to go or to stay, as it may be desired. The impression here is that there will be no change of cousul general soon, on account of the nearness of the hot season and of the unsettled cases. General Lee's family will leave the last of this month. A strong effort is being made to secure the release of Melton, of the Competitor prisoners, on account of his sickness.

The story that General Lee agreed to Scott's release on his promise to leave the island is false. General Lee was not a party to such an agreement. Scott will leave because the authorities insist on it, although they failed to convict him.
THOMAS. G. ALVORD, Jr.

PASSING TO THE GOLD STANDARD.

Bill Gets Through Both Houses o Japanese Parliament. LONDON, March 24.-The bill adopting the gold standard has passed the House of Peers of Japan, and only awaits the signature of the emperor to become a law. The demand for sold on Japanese account continues in the

Missionaries Said to Be Implicated. PORT LOUIS, Island of Mauritius, March 24.—According to advices received here from Madagascar, the exile of the queen of Madagascar, Ronavolona III, to the island of Reunyon, was due to the discovery of a conspiracy against the life of General Galioni. The inquiry into the matter is in progress and many more arrests have been made The missionaries are said to be implicated in the plot. The silver palace was searched and in it was found the sum of 700,000 francs. The French officials also seized in the palace a number of secret papers rela-tive to the intervention of foreigners in the

Has News of Venezuelan Arbitration CARACAS, Venezuela, March 24,-(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-William L. Scruggs, formerly American min ister to Caracas and now counsel for the gov ernment of Venezuela in the Gulana bound ary question, has arrived here. He bringimportant news and testimony affecting the arbitration case. The anniversary of President Monoga's

mancipation of the slaves was celebrated Reichstag Passes Naval Estimates.

BERLIN, March 24.-The Reichstag today passed, on second reading, the naval estimates. Baron von Stumm, conservative declared that the naval authorities must dismiss all the notorious socialist employes of the Navy department. The secretary of the navy, Vice Admiral von Holmann in reply said that the naval authorities knew their duty and that any workman taking part in socialist agitation or stirring up the employes against the employers wa

Increased Duty on Hides. STOCKHOLM, March 24.-The Rikeday today adopted an Increase in the duty on the import of hides to 40 ore per kilogram and decided not to change the duty on imported pork.

New Governor General for Canada. LONDON, March 24 .- The Truth says that the duke of Leeds will succeed the earl of Aberdeen as governor general of Canada in

Earthquake Shock at Montreal. MONTREAL, Que., March 24 .- A distinct earthquake shock was felt here at 6:07 clock last evening. The movement was east to west and lasted about fifteen seconds

PITTSBURG, March 24.—The celebration of the one hundred and tenth anniversar, of the Western University of Pennsylvania the first school established by law in the valley of the Mississippi north of the Ohio, began here yesterday and will continue three days. Promincot visitors from man of the principal colleges of the country are in attendance.

Among the vicitors are T. M. Brown president of Lehigh university; William L. Sproull, president of the University of Cincinnati; W. A. Lamberton of the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. McCracker of the University of New York, Victor C. Vaughn of the University of Michigan, E. A. derge of the University of Wisconsin, Charles W. Benton of the University of Minnesota. John P. Gordon of the Ohio State university. J. L. Goodnight of the University of West Virginia, David C. Humphreys of Washingand Lee university, and George W. Atherton of Pennsylvania State college, Governor Hastings and staff are also present This afternoon there was a monster paradof the national guard and pupils of the public schools and local colleges.

Deaths of a Day.

FREMONT, March 24.-(Special.)-Word was received here yesterday afternoon of the death of Henry Kremling, sr., of this city at Quincy, Ill., yesterday morning. His death was very sudden. He was one of the first settlers in Washington county and had resided in Fremont about fifteen years. He leaves a widow, one son. Henry Kremiling, jr., and two daughters. Mrs. Henry Reckmeyer of this city and Mrs. F. Riggert of Washington county. Mr. Kremling was 77 PHOENIXVILLE, Pa., March 24.-Thomas

M. Bloom, the oldest man in Chester county, lied at his home in Cedar Hollow, near this lace, yesterday, aged 104 years. DETROIT, Mish., March 24.—A cablegram received by Churles S. Isham announces the death, at Florence, Italy, of Mrs. Marie P. Storey, who was the first wife of Wilbur F. Storey, once the famous proprietor of the

hicago Times.

Fires of a Day. LONG PINE, Neb., March 24 .- (Special) --This morning fire destroyed the property of Mrs. Lizzie Miller, a widow who conducted a bakery and restaurant on the west side f Main street. There was no insurance and but by hard work the fire was confined to the one store and did not suread. The oc-cupants escaped in their night clothes, but lost all their belongings. VILLISCA, In., March 24.—(Special.)—At

7 o'clock last evening S. B. Scholz's larged dry goods and general store was discovered to be on fire. The fire started in a window from an exploding lamp. The damage to goods and building in about \$1,000 to \$1,500, well insured.

Woman Kills Her Paramour MIDDLESBORO, Ky., March 24 .-- A special from Hancock county, Tennessee, states that Martha Bull shot and killed her paramour,

HAVANA, Cuba, March 24 .- (New York Greek Army Needs Additional Discipline Before Taking the Field.

THINGS ARE WARLIKE ALONG FRONTIER

Risk of a Serious Outbreak is Becoming More and More Intense_Report of Confilet with Turks Confirmed.

LONDON, March 24 .- The war correspondent of the Times, now on the Macedenian frontier, says that in his opinion the Greek army is not yet ready to take any decisive stops. The officers must first drill the raw cm. But, he adds, the appearance of things along the frontier in in the highest degree the roads are patrolled by cavalry.

The Times correspondent at Athens says that all kinds of rumors are current there as a the reported rupture of the European conert. The danger of delaying a definite solution of the crivis increases daily. The crown prince, Constantine, is expected to start in a few days for the Greek camp at Larissa and the risk of a serious outbreak is becoming more and more intense. The report of a conflict between the Turk and Greek volunteers at Arta has been officially confirmed. Other incidents of the same character must e expected.

Neither Greece nor Grete has benefited much in the past by compliance with Eu-ropean behests and unless some visible proof is given of the complete abolition of Turkish rule in Crete the country will not be satisfied, the correspondent says. It is alleged the reserves will refuse to come out on a future occasion unless satisfaction is obtained now for Greek sacrifices.

The Ephemeris, which is obviously in-spired by the court, confirms the statement that the sultan offered to allow Prince George to administer Crete in return for the payment of a tribute to the porte, but that the powers stopped negotiations. It is believed Ger-many and Austria did their utmost to prevent such a friendly arrangement being The Westminster Gazette this afternoon

says there is some reason to be-lieve an agreement might be reached between the powers based upon the sultan's acceptance of the proposal of Greece to nominate Prince George as high commissioner of Crete. This report, however, conflicts with the dispatch from Constantinople anouncing the calling out for active service of further large contingents of the Turkish army, and with the advices from Crete, via Athens, saying that the Cretan leaders have decided to accept nothing short of union with Greece. The Athens correspondent of the Times

says it is believed at Canea that the blockade will be a failure as a coercive measure. The Austrian gunboat which captured a Greek steamer in Cretan waters was compelled to put into a Cretan por: to escape the storm. A dispatch to the Times from Athens says the Ephemeria recalls the king's declaration that he would out himself at the head of the Greek race if Greece were coerced and adds that nothing has yet happened to modify that decision. CANEA, March 24.-An Austrian ironclad has stopped a Greek steamer and a Greek sailing vessel which were trying to run the

blockade CONSTANTINOPLE, March 24.-The Turkish minister of marine has pledged himself to the sultan to dispatch a second squadron to the Dardanelles in the course of a fortnight.

GREECE WILL PROTEST AGAIN. Objects Strennously to the Blockade

of Cretan Ports. ATHENS, March 24 .- The Greek government is about to address another protest to the powers against the blockade of the island of Crete, and a formal repudiation of all the sponsibilities for any consequences to which it may give rise. The newspapers which represent the ministerial opposition in the Boule, denounce the proposal of auto-nomy under Prince George as a betrayal of Hellenic interests.

It is now believed in official circles that the res against Greece. A collective note h addressed to the government demand ing the recall of the Greek troops from the frontier and threatening that in the event or the refusal of Greece to comply with this denand the powers will blockade the Greek ports near the frontier.

zar Sends a Draft for Fifty Thousand

Roubles to Queen Olga. LONDON, March 24.-The correspondent of the Chronicle at Athens says that on his return from St. Petersburg on Monday, M. Onou, the Russian minister to Greece, had an audience with King George, to whom he resented an autograph letter from the dowager czarina. The letter contained no political communication to the king. M. Onou then had an audience with Queen Olga, to whom he presented an autograph letter from the czar, containing a draft for 50,000 roubles for the Cretan refugees at Athens. Upon this incident the correapondent remarks: "Thus Russia's peculiar diplomacy offers a cordial grasp with one hand and a buffet with the other.

ENGLAND'S POSITION IN DOUBT,

Rumor that Great Britain Has De clined to Assist in the Blockade. LONDON, March 24 .- The Daily Chronicle rints a rumor that Lord Salisbury and the cabinet discussed the sultan's acceptance of The Chronicle prints also another lobby rumor to the effect that Great Britain has declined to be a party to the starving of innocent Cretans in the interior of the island, and a report that British ships intend to run the blockade, contending that it is indefensible, under international law, inas-much as neither Turkey nor Greece has openly declared war.

STOP ERECTION OF FORTRESSES. Protest of the Greeks Heeded by the

Turkish Authorities. say that as a result of the protest of Greece, Turkey has stopped the construction of fortications at Prevesa, at the northern entrance to the Gulf of Arta, which was contrary to the stipulations of the treaty of

SULTAN CALLS OUT MORE TROOPS. aminer. It was thought that the de-

Last Irade Brings Out a Large Force of the Reserves. also summoning to the colors the whole of the contingent of 1897.

Drive Back a Provision Train. CANEA, March 24.—The Turkish troops made an attempt today to revictual the blockhouse at Malaxa. They were thereupon attacked and repulsed by the Christians, who asks for an accounting the appointment of a pursued the convoy of provisions to the receiver and that the company be declared environs of Suday bay. The Turkish war insolvent.

REJECT THE POWERS' PROPOSALS

Take a Very Bold Stand. ATHENS, March 24 .- A dispatch from Canea says that the insurgent commander in-chief at Akrotire this morning referred the proposal of the powers to grant autonomy to Crete to the various leaders of the nsurgent forces who had assembled from different parts of the island. The Cretan leaders unanimously declared that only two lasues were possible—the annexation of the island of Crete to Greece or lighting until death ends the struggle for the union.

HOMESTEAD NOT SUBJECT TO LIENS.

Important Decision Handed Down by South Dakota Supreme Court. PIERRE, S. D., March 24 .- (Special.)-In the supreme court this morning Judge ing cases: Therese Sonnenberg against Christ against William Haney and Anna Haney,

Another recent decision handed down by the supreme court is one which will be of general interest to expenters and dealers furnishing building materials. The case is en-titled John W. Fallihee against John Wittthe defence that the property in question is a homestead and not subject to lien. The decision, which was written by Presiding Judge Corson, sustains the circuit judge and holds that a homestead is exempt from lien S. Rogers of the Record. chanic's lien against a homestead, and at scriptions and extensive exhibits of industrial the present time a homestead is exempt products. from lien. In the decision the following is

of the delegation, E. Resewater of Omain. Speeches were also made by Mozes provided: "Except as hereinafter provided, the property mentioned under this heading (exemptions) is exempt." Section 512; provides that the property therein mentioned is "absolutely exempt." The legislature by the amendment of 1890 defines and limits the homestead and makes no exception or reference to the old homestead law. It does not seem, therefore, that the law as amended in 1890 can be heid to except mechanics' liens, without the court interpolates into the section an exception of these liens. This the court cannot do in a case like the one before us. There is nothing in the act of 1890 indicating any intention on the part of the legislature to make such an exception. On the contrary, the intention of the lawmaking power to deprive mechanics and material men of their liens against homestead seems quite apparent, not only from the entire change of language used, but from the fact that body itself created, defined and limited the homestead and in unambiguous terms provided that the homestead should be absolutely exempt from all sales.

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As this provision is a constitutional one the only way it can be changed is by con-stitutional amendment, and as such an amendment has been defeated once when submitted to the people, the indications are that it will remain a part of the law of the state for some time to come

Scholars Object to a Change. RAPID CITY, S. D., March 24 .- (Special.)-The proposed change in the administration of the State School of Mines has created considerable feeling in this section. Under material aid in developing the mineral resources of the Black Hills. A remonstrance has been publicly made by the scholars against a change in the faculty, as it would largely overthrow the results of the progress which the school has lately made and would render void all of the uncompleted arrange ments for the welfare of the students by necessitating the education of a new faculty to a knowledge of the functions o

JAPANESE COLONIZE IN MEXICO.

Secure a Valuable Concession Near Tchuantepec. SAN DIEGO, March 24 .- A. V. Lomeli, the Mexican consul in this city, who has just returned from the City of Mexico, states that his government has conceded a large tract of land in the state of Chiapas, southern Mexico, to a Japanese syndicate represented by Sho Nemoto, who was in San Diego a ew months ago with Sy Asano in connection with the transpacine ateamship project. At that time it was stated Asano would visit New York and London to purchase steam ships and carry out his plans in this con-nection, and that Nemoto would turn south to the City of Mexico for the purpose securing a tract of land for a Japanese colony there. It now appears that Nemoto has carried out his part of the program and that before long the Japanese will be build-ing houses and breaking soil in their new colony. The port of this proposed colony is Santa Cruz, the terminus of the Tehuantepec railroad. This port will be the eastern erminus of the Japanese steamship line, but whether the main steamers will run there or only to San Diego with a side Tehauntepec, has not been decided.

TWO BANK WRECKERS INDICTED.

United States Grand Jury at Bismarck Investigates National Banks. ST. PAUL, Minn., March 24.-A Bismarck N. D., special to the Pioneer Press says: The banking methods of some of the suspended ustional banks of the state are being investigated by the United States grand jury the proposal of the king of Greece to name | now in session. Two indictments have al-Prince George as high commissioner of Crete. | ready been found, one against L. E. Booker, -treasurer and president of the Forks National bank, and the other against H. F. Salyards, president of the First Na-tional bank of Minot. Booker is charged with making false returns to the comptroller f the currency. He was arraigned today pleaded not guilty and was held for trial in \$5,000 bonds. Salyards is charged with aiding and abetting in making false entries in the bank's books. He pleaded not guilty and was held in \$6,000 honds for trial. The indictment of Booker came as a great surprise to his friends throughout the state. to was state treasurer for three years ATHENS, March 24.-Advices from Arta tering office in 1893, and has always taken an active part in state politics

Business Troubles of a Day. ST. LOUIS, March 24.-A special to the Post-Dispatch from Maysville, Mo., The doors of the DeKalb County bank failed Berlin. Startling reports are in circula-tion here regarding the numerical strength of the Turkish troops on the frontier. For instance, one report has it that the Turks have concentrated 100,000 troops on the fron-Examiner Gordon Jenes is in charge. The tier of Epirus alone. The report, however, action, as the bank holds some slow papers is not believed in military circles. canvassing the condition with the bank exand creditors would be best protected by thi action as the bank holds some slow and a large amount of real estate. Its busi CONSTANTINOPLE, March 24.—A special ness for the past year has been unsatisfiade was issued by the sultan calling out factory, both to its managers and the state for active service forty-four battalions of authorities. Its actual condition cannot be the reserves of the Second army corps. and learned but the discours feel confident that every depositor will be paid in full.

PITTSBURG, March 24.-Application has been made in the county courts for the appointment of a receiver for the Pittsburg Provision company. The concern has a capi-tal of \$250,000, and it is alleged that its affairs have been miscasnaged. The plaintiff is Isaac G. Traurerman, a stockholder.

ships then opened fire upon the Christians CHICAGO MEN WILL HELP US

Cretan Leaders, After Consultation, Manifest Deep Interest in the Transmississippi Exposition's Success.

WORLD'S FAIR PUSHERS ARE TAKING HOLD clated press, repr

President Higginbotham Goes with asked for a rest the Delegation to Visit the Legis-Inture at Springfield to Secure an Appropriation.

CHICAGO, March 24 .- (Special Telegrams) The Transm asissippi Exposition delegation en route for Springfield, was royally entertained at the Union League club house this afternoon by H. N. Higginbotham of Marlevies and organize an efficient transport sys- Haney handed down decisions in the follow- shall Field & Co., who has gained eminent distinction as president of the Columbian Stineburg et al. Yankton county, affirmed; the World's Fair directory. A handsomely decwarlike. Every possible post is held, and all Minneapolis Threshing Machine company oraled table was set for twenty plates. Among the Chicago guests of Mr. Higginbotham Bonhomme county, affirmed; J. Lewis Brown | were: Moses P. Handy of the Times-Herald, as assignee of Western Farm Mortgage company against Ira Hazeltine, Brown county, manager of the department of promotion and publicity for the Columbian World's Fair; Edwin Walker, counsellor of the Chicago Exposition board; William Penn Nixon, chief editor of the Inter Ocean; Robert Waller, leading real estate dealer and member of the mayer and Magdelena Wittmayer, and comes to the court from McPherson county. The principle it volved is that of mechanics rence, director of the First National bank: ions. Fallibee attempted to file a lien on Fidwin Walker, attorney; D. H. Forgan, property of the Wittmayers and they set up Union National bank; Henry D. Estabrook,

After-dinner speeches created much en-thusiasm, deep interest being manifested by for labor performed or material furnished.
and that the law of 1890, which was enacted in obedience to section 4 article xxi of Chicagoans in the success of the exposition. the constitution, repeals the prior laws and pledges were made to organize Chicago which allowed the power to enforce a me-

At the close of the entertainment Mr. iven: Higginbotham made an address of reception.

It will be noticed that the language of the which was responded to by the chairman emption laws is very broad and com-chensive. Section 5126, before referred to, by late: "Except as hereinafter provided: "Except as hereinafter provided: property mentioned under this head-t (exemptions) is exempt." Section 5127 yieldes that the property therein men-prok, W. S. Poppleton, Rev. Frank Crane and Edwin Walker.

will each subscribe \$25,000; the Missouri Pa-cific \$20,000, and the Milwaukee & St. Paul \$20,000. The total stock subscribed now amounts to \$438,680, and the promised sub scriptions of the railways will raise the total to \$528,480. Z. T. Lindsey, manager of the department of ways and means, expects to secure at least \$1,000,000 in stock subscrip

FLOOD DANGER OVER FOR PRESENT Blg Gorge at Sionx Falls Goes Out-

Water Will Be High Yet. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 24.-(Special President V. T. McGillseuddy the school has made an excellent showing and has been of Telegram.)—The big gorge at the Burlington bridge went out at 4 p. m. The huge gorge north of town will be dynamited in the morning if it does not move tenight. All danger is regarded as over here, but high water is yet expected. Water is receding on the

YANKTON, S. D., March 24 .- (Special Telegram.)—The ice in the channel of the Missouri is clear here, but the high water and ice from up the river are still to come. Considerable ice settled on the sandbars. James river, four miles above here, has overflowed its banks and is nearly a mile wide. The ice is still unbroken and lie upon the water solid. As soon as a warn spell or rains set in it will throw a vas amount of water down here and it is con-ceded that every bridge will go out. Train service is badly cut here, the Great Northservice is badly cut here, the Great North-ern not having a train in for a week, and the Northwestern running to Salem, with no trains east of Centerville. PIERRE, S. D., March 24.—(Special Tele-gram.)—The past few days of cool weather

have allowed the waters in the river to about run off and it is down to four feet with the ice solid. The weather bureau reports warmer weather and more water in the river. Captain Vincent, head of the government en gineer work here, says be expects very high water yet.

FEAR TROUBLE NEAR ST. LOUIS. Mississippi and Other Rivers Are Rising Rapidly.

ST. LOUIS, March 24.- Danger from flood is threatening points above here on the Illinois, Missouri and upper Mississippi rivers, which are rising rapidly. No damage has yet been done, but the water is approach ing the danger line in many places. Farmers along the rivers named are preparing to move their families, stock and household effects. The dyke at Pokin, Ill., is threatened with destruction. Alton, III., reports a rious situation owing to the rush of water om the Illinois and backwater from the Missouri. At Quincy, Ill., the danger line is fourteen feet, and the river is up tweive feet and rising. At Keokuk, Ia., there has been a big rise in the Mississippi river during the past thirty-six hours. This is partly due to backwater from the Des Moines. The river at St. Louis and above will con-tinue to rise slowly, acording to the weather bureau reports. During the past twentyfour hours the rise has been .9 of a foot at St. Louis. At other points above the fol-lowing rises are recorded: Davenport, 0.4

feet; Keokuk, 0.8 feet; Hannibal, 0.6 feet River Falls at Memphis. MEMPHIS, Tonn., March 24.-The river bulletin issued by the weather bureau tonight again announces a slight fall in the river at Memphis, a tenth of a foot. has been the record for the past three days, including today. The gauge therefore registers 36.8 feet. The bureau predits that for the next twenty-four hours the river will remain about stationary. The fact that the river continues to rise at Cairo is suffi-

be expected in the immediate future. Severe Weather at Cape Horn QUEENSTOWN, March 24.-The British bark Albya, Captain Williams, has arrived here from San Francisco, from which port it sailed November 13. Off Cape Horn severe weather was experienced. The vessel was swept by heavy seas, which flooded the cabins, smashed the wheel and caused other damage about the decks.

cient evidence that no considerable fall ma-

At Genoa-Arrived-Fulda, from New York, via Gibraltar, for Genoa. At Botterdam-Salled-Amsterdam, for York. Philadelphia—Arrived—Pennland, from Philadelphia—Arrived—Pennland, for Liver-At Philadelphia—Arrived—I Liverpool. Sailed—Belgenland, for

At New York—Arrived—Olympia, from Genoa; Schiedam, from Amsterdam. Sailed —St. Paul, for Southampton; Teutonic, for Liverpool; Westernland, for Antwerp. At Liverpool—Arrived—Sylvan, from Bos-

BOSTON HERAL "AKES A FIGHT.

Withdraws from sociated Boston, Marci company has sign with the Associal S. ess, abandoning the and United press New England Asso d by its counsel, Hon. Charles T. Galle appeared in the su equity yesterday and

directors of the Herald company from and signing a contract with the Associated press. After an ex parte hearing the court granted the order, which was served at once upon the directors of the Herald company. Colonel Melvin O. Adams, counsel for the Herald, thereupon obtained from the court assignment for an immediate hearing, which was fixed for 4 o'clock in the afternoon. In the hearing, which began at that hour and Jasted until 6 o'clock, the Herald company was represented by Hen, John Lowell and Colonel Adams, and Mr. Gallagher had asso-

ciated with him Mr. Bailey as counsel for the New England Associated press. Counsel for the Herald represented to the court that the contract between the Herald company and the Associated press had been made already under date of March 19, and that it had been signed by four of the five directors of the company who were also a majority of the stockholders, both in interest and in number; further, that it was of the greatest importance to the Herald that its business and business policy should not be interfered with in the manner contemplated by the New England Associated press. They maintained that the question had no standing in equity and that if the withdrawal or Herald worked an injury to the New England Associated press, its extent should be determined by ordinary legal process an vas clearly assessable in money damages. Counsel for the New England Associated press argued that the withdrawal of the Herald would constitute an irreparable damage to their clients and that therefore the case was one for which there could be no equity court in the form of an injunction which should compel the Herald to continue a member of the New England Associated press. Mr. Gallagher declared repeatedly that the failure to obtain such an injunction would mean the complete destruction and disappearance of the New England Associated press. He also read an affidavit from H. H. Fletcher, superintendent of the New England Associated press, in which that gentleman

Herald company, thus restoring the case to the position which it would have occupied if restraining order never had been lesued and leaving the Herald directors free to act Associated press was a voluntary copartner-ship from which any member had a right to withdraw, leaving its liability to its asso-clates to be determined by the law. The Boston Herald's right of withdrawal could not be abridged by any contracts entered late by the New England Associated press. even though its proportionate Hability under the contracts should continue after its withdrawal. He said further that any hardship or lowes which the remaining members of

made the same declaration, sustaining it with facts and explanations as to the con-

be New England Associated press might suffer in consequence of the action of the Herald, which will be clearly within its rights, was aslife from the question and not to be regarded as part of the case.

FIGHT ON THE TEMPLE AMENDMENT. Will Have to Go Back to the House to Have a Defect Remedied.

measure then passes that body it will have to is also a member, go back to the house, which will give the op-position another chance to defeat it there. A fight is being organized in the lower branch. The general belief is it will pass of the winter on hand working

Mrs. Christian Magnos Alleges Cruelty Asks a Big Allmony. CEDAR RAPIOS, Ia., March 24.- (Special ectition is a lengthy one. She claims that she father, when she was young and inexperi-enced, to order to have Mr. Magnus remain in charge of her lather's brewery; that she homestead and alimony of \$500 a month.

Six Days' Conference with Bishop Kephart Presiding. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., March 24.-(Special Telegram.)-The fifty second annual session of the lowa United Brethren conference convened at Sumper this afternoon at 2 o'clock with a large number of ministers and lay lelegates in attendance. The session will be brought to a close next Monday. The apintments will be made Saturday afternoon Bishop E. B. Kephart of Baltimore is presid-

Both Love the Same Girl. WEBSTER CITY, Ia., March 24 .- (Special | Telegram.)-Rev. A. E. Fouch of Bouton, tarough love of a girl who was the leader of the choir in his congregation, was served with papers in a suit for slander this morning for \$5,000. Fred Cooper, a merchant, and the divine were both paying attention to the young woman. It is claimed by Cooper that Davenport, 0.4 the minister poisoned the minds of the girl's was questionable and thus depriving him of fair chance in the race.

Bank Cashier Hurt by a Gun MALVERN, Ia., March 24.-(Special.)-J. C. Taylor, cashier of the Mills County Savings bank, had a very serious accident Saturday night. While putting the bank books in the vault he set one of them fall and hit the hammer of a loaded shotgun. The gun was discharged and the entire charge tered his left wrist, tearing it to pieces. Money from Cornfed Hogs.

MALVERN, Ia., March 24.—(Special.)—Hog aisers of this vicinity have been marketing their hogs the past few days. The farmers who have fed cattle and bogs during the win-ter have all realized a handsome profit on their money, while those who have held their corn are worse off than they were last

Three Officers Renominated. DUBUQUE, Ia., March 24 - (Special Telegram.)-The citizens today renominated Mayor Duffy, Treasurer Gniffke and Recorder Langestaff. P. S. Webster was nominated for city attorney. The resolutions recommend municipal ownership of the water works.

CHICAGO, March 24 .- David J. Sachel, the missing secretary of the Christopher Columbus Building and Loan association, has been indicted by the grand jury, charged with At Southampton-Arrived-Havel, from New York. Salled-Majestic, for New York.

Paris, from New York; Lahn, from Bremen, for New York.

At Genoa-Salled, Fuerst Bismarck, for New York

New York

services of the Ne and Associated press Effect of a Bill that Has Been Sneaked Through the Senate.

WOULD LEGALIZE PUBLIC GAMBLING

Alleged Amendment to Existing Laws Has Peculiar Effect.

BUNCH OF BOODLE BEHIND THE SCHEME

Omaha and South Omaha Sports Put Up Cash to Carry It.

HOWELL STANDS SPONSOR FOR THE BILL

Secures Its Introduction "by Request" by Senator Miller.

FULL HISTORY OF THE MATTER SO FAR

Details of How the Measure Slipped Through the Senate.

RECALLS FORMER BODDLE TRANSACTION

Ten Years Ago the Combine in the Legislature Held Up the Omahy Gamblers and Were Exposed by The Bee.

LINCOLN, March 24 .- (Special.)-The commotion that has been raised over the passage of the Miller gambling bill through the senate has arisen not so much on account of the unanimous vote which it got, but rather on account of the discovery of a trick by dition and obligations of the New England which it was hoped that it could be rail-Associated press.

Judge Morton decided in favor of the any publicity whatever. The bill is known as senate file No. 331, "A bill for an act to amend sections 214 and 215 of the criminal code, Compiled Statutes of Nebraska, 1895, according to their own judgment. In decid-ing the case, he said that the New England other property lost in gambling and to repeal said sections and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act."

A more appropriate title to the bill would have been, "A bill for an act to legalize gambling," The Bee has been aware for some time that this bill was introduced, and that certain interested parties were exerting themselves to carry out a program for its stealthy enactment. The Bee has only refrained from exposing the nefarious scheme before, because it wanted to see how far the boodle back of the bill would carry it.

HISTORY OF THE BILL. Senate file No. 331 was introduced by request February 25, by Senator Miller of Burt county. It is said here that it was handed to Senator Miller by Senator Ed Howell of DES MOINES, March 24.—(Special Tele- Douglas county, It was referred to the gram.) - The Temple amendment fight is tak- committee on judiciary on the same day The opponents of the and reported back by that committee, of smendment have discovered a defect in it which Senator McGann of Boone county is that will have to be remedied and an amend- chairman, and of which Senator Howell's ment will be offered in the senate. If the associate, Senator Ransom of Douglas county,

which will give the op- | Senator Miller says he introduced the bill at Senator Howell's request. Howell says the bill was handed to him by Louis J. the house with case, and that the real fight will be in the senate, which is about evenly divided. The railroads have the strongest it would not look well for him to be introit would not look well for him to be introducing gambling bills. He then told Platti to hand the bill to Senator Miller and ask RICH MAN'S WIFE SEEKS DIVORCE. him to introduce it. The bill was brought to Lincoln in manuscript form and the typewritten copy was made by a stenographer named Miss O'Sullivan in the engrossing Telegram.)-A big sensation has been created room. She remembers making the copy, and here by Mrs. Christian Magnus bringing a says she is quite sure she made it for suit in the district court against her husband | Platti. Senator McGann, chairman of the or separate support and maintenance. The judiciary committee, says no one appeared before that committee in behalf of the bill, as given to her husband as his wife by her but that Howell asked him once or twice to report the bill. No member of the judiciary committee recalls any action on the has always been a dutiful wife, but that she has been cruelly treated until she is now in mortal fear of her life. Mr. Magnus is very wealthy and she asks for the use of the who in the absence of Senator Grothan, acted as chairman of the sifting committee. IOWA UNITED BRETHREN IN SUMNER said the bill was advanced because Miller had been missed in the first distribution The sifting committee says it aimed to advance one bill for each member, regardless of its merits. It seems that Miller was missed in the first batch reported. So Senator Watson says the sifting committee lifted senate file No. 331 for his benefit. Here is where the jugglery came in Miller claims that he wanted one of his bills lifted, but

that he didn't ask for No. 331.

The gambling bill was taken up Monday on order of the senate sifting committee and passed without even going through the committee of the whole, and after a formal roll call on which every senator voting was recorded in the affirmative.

TEXT OF THE MEASURE. The bill is one of the most cleverly drawn measures which has ever been produced in this state. While it pretends to provide for the recovery of money lest in gambling, it is in reality an effectual bar to the recovery of such money, and skillfully concealed be-neath it is a clause which reduces the offenses of gambling, and the keeping of gambling resorts, from felonies to elimpic misdemeanore. The bill in full is as follows:

Section I. That section 214 of the criminal code, Compiled Statutes of Nebraska, 1825, be amended to read as follows: Section 214. Every person who shall play at any game whatever for any sum of money or other property of value, or who shall bet any money or property of value upon any gaming table, bank, or device prohibited by law, or wao shall bet upon any gaming table, bank, or device prohibited by law, or wao shall bet upon any gaming table, or gambling device, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court; provided, that if any person of persons shall lose any money or property of value, either at cards or by means of any other gambling device or game of hazard of any kind, such person or persons shall have the right to bring suit in civil action against each or all parties participating in the game for the recovery of the money or the xalue of the recovery of the money or the xalue of the value of said property shall upon its recovery, revert to the school fund of the county in which said civil action 18 brought.

Sec 2. That section 215 of the criminal code, Compiled Statutes of Nebraska, 1895, be amended to read as follows: Section 215. Every person who shall set up or keep any gaming table, fare bank, keno, or any kind of gambling device, or gaming machine of any kind or description, adapted, devised and designed for the purpose of playing any game of chance for money or property, exect billiard table for the purpose of betting or gambling, or shall allow the same to be used for such purpose, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeasure and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum so exceeding one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding thirty days. gambling resorts, from felonies to simple misdemeanore. The bill in full is as follows: